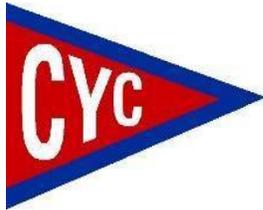


THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION 2021 JUNIOR/WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

PRESENTED BY

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July 31, 2021
The Cleveland Yachting Club
Rocky River, Ohio

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The 2021 Thistle National Championship Regatta is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with the Cleveland Yachting Club (CYC).

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This is in addition to RRS 60.1 (a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to RRS63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 Racing Rule 60.1 (a) is changed to add: Boats failing to display required advertising or bow numbers may not be protested by another boat.
- 1.4 Other racing rules may be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years of age, the use of illegal substances and the abuse of prescription-only drugs shall be considered "misconduct" for the purposes of RRS 69.
- 1.6 It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state and county health regulations. [NP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at www.thistlenationals2021.com, and the CYC registration desk no later than Friday July 30, 2021 at 1400 hrs. In order to conduct a more green regatta, printed paper copies of the SI's will only be available upon request.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The RC may transmit via VHF radio information concerning safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the TCA that are active members in good standing with a valid measurement certificate. Boats can be borrowed.

Junior: The competitors (skipper and crew must be under 21 years of age for the entire series.

Women's: The Women's Thistle Nationals is open to women skippers and crew.

4.2 The Organizing Authority will require certain protocols to be followed in light of the Covid-19 global pandemic. Participants shall show proof of Covid-19 vaccination or provide a negative Covid-19 test result conducted within 48 hours of arrival at CYC. This protocol is subject to change at any time based on State of Ohio guidelines and/or current conditions. Waivers to this protocol will be considered by The Cleveland Yachting Club medical corps committee on a case-by-case basis. Waiver requests should be submitted to brantmrussell@gmail.com.

4.3 No competitor may be paid to sail in this event, and private coaching is not allowed in this event, as per TCA Bylaw Article IX, Section 3.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration or entering in person at the regatta.

4.5 Online registration can be found at www.thistlenationals2021.com.

5. FEES

Registration Fee: \$30.00

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising which will be supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and Measurement

Friday, July 30 1400-1700 hrs

Saturday, July 31 0900-1000 hrs

7.2 Junior and Women's National Championship: Saturday July 31

1030 hrs - Skippers Meeting

1200 hrs – Warning Signal Race 1. Additional races to follow.

7.3 The RC may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 Boat, equipment, and sails will be measured, inspected and may be spot-checked as specified in the TCA rules, RRS or the Sailing Instructions. Specific items to be measured at registration will be found on the measurement forms posted at www.thistlenationals2021.com.

9. VENUE

9.1 The Regatta will be held at:

The Cleveland Yachting Club

200 Yacht Club Drive

Rocky River, OH 44116-0425

Tel: 440-333-1155

9.2 Races will be sailed on Lake Erie approximately 2.0 nautical miles (NM) northwest of CYC.

9.3 Housing: Note that camping of any form is not allowed on CYC property. Local hotel information will be available at www.thistlenationals2021.com. A limited amount of private housing will be available. Send an email to Tom Sessions at thistlenationals2021@gmail.com or use the Hotels and Housing tab on the website.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 A boat that takes a penalty or retires under RRS 44 shall sign the acknowledgement form posted in the vicinity of the official notice board within the protest time limit.

12. SCORING

The series scores will be the total for all races sailed, with no races excluded.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Due to limited open berthing spaces, anyone planning on bringing an additional boat of any kind to the event must contact the Regatta Chairman to make arrangements for use of hoists and slips.

14. DRY SAIL AREA

14.1 Dry sail spaces will be assigned for all competitors and be available beginning Friday July 30. For arrival before the 30th please contact the Regatta Chairman to make arrangements.

15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** Each competitor shall be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta that occurs as a result of a competitor's actions.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum value of \$100,000 USD. Competing teams must show proof of insurance at Registration.

17. AWARDS

Awards will be presented on Sunday, Aug 1 during the Opening Ceremonies of the Nationals.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any questions or further information, please contact Fred Hunger, Regatta Chairman at thistlenationals2021@gmail.com